

## House Resolution No. 4070

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Gordon Dutile, an esteemed resident of Bolivar, Missouri, who will officially retire as Provost of Southwest Baptist University on December 19, 2008, after twenty-eight years of exceptional service and dedication; and

**Whereas**, Gordon Dutile joined Southwest Baptist University in 1980, since which time he has served in the positions of Professor of Bible, Associate Dean of Redford College, and Associate Provost; and

**Whereas**, a former senior electronics engineer at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Corporation, Gordon Dutile received his Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana Tech University and his Master of Divinity and Ph.D. from Southwestern Theological Seminary; and

**Whereas**, Gordon Dutile has compiled an enviable list of service to the Bolivar community as a member of First Baptist Church and as an interim pastor and leader of bible studies at many local churches; and

**Whereas**, listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Gordon Dutile is the proud recipient of several awards and honors including the Orien B. Hendrex 1984 Distinguished Teacher Award, Parkway 1994 Distinguished Professor Award, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Albert Venting, Jr. Memorial Award; and

**Whereas**, the Chief Academic Officer for the recent successful university-wide HLC accreditation visits who was ordained and licensed to gospel ministry by Hazelwood Baptist Church, Gordon Dutile has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife of forty-five years, Judy; his two daughters and sons-in-law, Penny and Tim Clarkson and Shonda and Jon Guthrie; and his four grandchildren, Campbell, Emma, Lucy, and Henry:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Gordon Dutile for his twenty-eight years of unparalleled service to Southwest Baptist University, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gordon Dutile.

Offered by Speaker Rod Jetton  
District No. 156

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4070, adopted September 9, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker